

state. The Least Bittern arrived early in Dane County, May 8 (Robbins). Six Whistling Swans lingered in Door County until May 15 (Kendall).

#### Brant On Green Bay

Paulson, who has been working with water-fowl consistently for seventeen years, sends a note of a small flock of Common Brant in Green Bay, May 1. There are but few records of this species for the state, since it is a salt-water variety. A flock of about sixty Snow Geese were seen in Wisconsin Rapids, May 9, by Searls. A few Blue Geese were in the flock. Paulson observed eight Snow Geese in Green Bay, May 21. Large flocks of Lesser Scaup lingered into June at Manitowoc (King). Strehlow mentions six White-winged Scoters in Green Bay, May 4. A Hooded Merganser was out with her brood, May 21 near Babcock (Grange). Robbins found ten Red-breasted Mergansers at Green Lake, May 31. Zimmerman also noted two, May 29, in Dane County.

#### More Turkey Vulture Records

Turkey Vultures were found as follows: Two in Richland County, May 17 (Barger); this may have been a pair as they were flying together. One near Babcock, May 15 (Grange). Still more northerly is a pair in Kusk County, May 23, by Feeney. Strehlow records a Goshawk as late as May 18 for Green Bay. Sharp-shinned Hawks were nesting, May 23 in Rusk County (Feeney). Pigeon Hawks were seen in several places: Oshkosh, May 16 (Evans); Eau Claire County, May 9 (Feeney); Green Bay, May 18 (Holterman); and in Dane County, May 11 (Robbins). The Sparrow Hawk has not been a menace to other birds in Gatterdam's yard. He states that his little place attracted two pairs of Robins to nest; two pairs of Chipping Sparrows; a pair of Wrens; pair of Bluebirds; pair of Flickers; pair of Starlings; pair of Brown Thrashers; fifteen pairs of Martins in addition to the pair of Sparrow Hawks. Five years ago the spot had neither trees nor shrubs on it—something to try!

Sandhill Cranes were found in three counties: Three in Sawyer County, May 5 (Ruegger)—first in his thirty-five years of field work in that part; two pairs nesting in Wood County, May 18 (Searls); and a nest with eggs reported in Jackson County, May 6 (Fairfield). Twelve Yellow Rails were counted by Hammerstrom and Walkinshaw in Adams County, May 7.

#### Two Piping Plovers were noted in Manitowoc, May 25 by King.

No other observers have mentioned this species this year. A Killdeer nest containing four eggs was found by Mueller in Milwaukee May 5. These hatched May 27—first egg at seven A. M.; the second followed before noon; the third hatched between two and four; and the fourth hatched that night. Golden Plovers came through Oshkosh, May 14 (Evans), the first in seven years as far as he could determine. The (Fuddy) Turnstones of May 18 in Oshkosh are the only ones noted in the state from our reports this season. Dahlberg records Upland Plovers in the vicinity of Frederic, Burnett County, in May. Solitary Sandpipers reached Hayward by May 4 (Kahmann).

#### Western Willet Observed

Three Western Willets were observed by Strehlow in Green Bay May 18. A flock of ten White-rumped Sandpipers were in Dane County, May 29 (Zimmerman). Least Sandpipers had reached Oshkosh by May 3 (Evans). Fifty Red-backed Sandpipers were counted by Robbins in one pond in Dane County, May 24—probably about the height of their migration. Mr. and Mrs. Philip of Waukesha made a sight record of a Hudsonian Godwit, May 9, near Madison, and requested others to go out and check it. No one else located it. While quite a possible record, Godwits are extremely casual here. King noted several Sanderlings in Manitowoc, May 25—the only records received of this uncommon species. Mueller counted about thirty pairs of Wilson Phalaropes in Ozaukee County, May 25.

The Forster's Tern occurred in Dane County, May 24 (Robbins); and several times, in May, at Green Bay (Strehlow). Caspian Terns

were noted at Manitowoc, May 25 (King); and in Green Bay, May 18 (Kendall).

The Yellow-billed Cuckoo arrived in Hayward, May 10 (Kahmann). A nest of this species contained three eggs, with the brooding bird May 18, in Grant County (Barger). The Black-billed Cuckoo also was early, arriving in Dane County, May 5 (Robbins).

Juvenile Great Horned Owls were seen flying about in Vilas County, May 23 (Jung). Birds of this stage were found near Babcock, from May 9-11 (Grange).

The Nighthawk arrived on time, May 6, in Oshkosh (Evans). The earliest Hummingbird was May 18, in Green Bay (Strehlow). An albino Flicker occurred again in Appleton (Mrs. Rogers). Newly-hatched Flickers were found by Grange, May 24, near Babcock.

Flycatchers as follows: Kingbird, Hayward, May 4 (Kahmann). Phoebe feeding four young beginning to fledge, May 24, near Babcock (Grange). The Cliff Swallow arrived May 9, in Hayward (Kahmann). A nest of three young Blue Jays was found, May 25 by Mathiak near Babcock. Crows had young in the nest in Bayfield County, May 6 (Feeney). The Brown Creeper lingered in Green Bay until May 16 (Strehlow).

#### Mockingbird Again In Milwaukee

Adams of Milwaukee reports that a Mockingbird has been heard singing at night in three different places in eastern Milwaukee. Will it nest? A Catbird's nest contained two eggs, May 24, near Babcock (Mathiak). The same observer found three eggs in a Brown Thrasher's nest May 19; and three eggs in the nest of the Bluebird, May 12. Young Starlings able to chatter were in the nest, May 15, in Dane County (Barger).

#### Bell's Vireo In Grant County

A single specimen of this variety was observed by Robbins and Barger in Grant County, May 18. The Philadelphia Vireo was mentioned as follows: Oshkosh, May 2 (Evans); Green Bay, May 9 (Mrs. Hussong); and in Madison, May 6 (Robbins).

#### Worm-Eating Warbler At Two Places

The Worm-eating Warbler, a straggler in the state, was found in Green Bay, May 7 by Mrs. Hussong. Not quite so unusual was the sight record in Grant County, May 18 by Barger and Robbins. A great aid in finding this species is its song—similar to that of the Chipping Sparrow but heard in shady woods.

Warblers reached their peak as follows: Golden-winged Warbler, May 9; Tennessee Warbler, May 10; Nashville, May 5; Magnolia, May 15; Cape May, May 6; Black-throated Green, May 5; Blackburnian, May 9; Chestnut-sided, May 15; Bay-breasted, May 10; Northern Water-thrush, May 9. This schedule was worked out for Dane County by Robbins. Poe, of Milwaukee, found a nest of the Nashville Warbler, containing two Cowbirds eggs, at Spruce Lake. Not common in Milwaukee is the Cerulean Warbler, found May 11 by Mueller and others.

#### Kirtland Warbler Reported

Mrs. Rogers and another observer recorded this species in Appleton, during the warbler wave. She feels confident of the record, in spite of the fact that this warbler is probably the rarest of our warblers. The Kentucky Warbler, often sought by Wisconsin observers, is very abundant along the Mississippi. Many were seen in Grant County, May 18 by Robbins and Barger. The Connecticut Warbler arrived May 18 in Green Bay (Strehlow). The only record that has come to our attention of the Chat, this year, is that of S. P. Jones, for Dane County, May 18.

Yellow-headed Blackbirds: Wood County, May 10 (Mathiak); Jefferson County, May 19 (Zimmerman); Sheboygan County, May 10 (Kinr); and in Green Bay, May 18 (Strehlow). But few Orchard Orioles have been seen: Dane County, May 18 (S. P. Jones); Green Bay, May 14 and 18 (Strehlow); and Milwaukee, May 16 (Mueller). Brewer's Blackbird: Hayward, May 11 (Kahmann) and a nest in Wood